

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

## Two more questions for USTA presidential candidates

*Two follow-up questions to last Sunday's HRU feature in which Freddie Hudson, Ryan Macedonio, Joe Pennacchio, Jason Settlemoir and Russell Williams tackled some of the biggest issues facing the sport.*

compiled by Dave Briggs



Last Sunday, Harness Racing Update (HRU) published a **feature** in which the five candidates for the presidency of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) were each asked five questions about some of the most important issues facing the sport. After the story was published, a reader sent in two follow-up questions that we posed to the five candidates: Freddie Hudson, Ryan Macedonio, Joe Pennacchio, Jason Settlemoir and Russell Williams. All but Hudson responded prior to press time and their answers follow.

USTA directors will elect a new president on Feb. 27 at the Association's annual meeting in Las Vegas. For more information, please visit the [US Trotting site](#).

### The follow-up questions:

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2. It is also clear that the judges at several tracks do not know the rules, refuse to enforce the rules, or enforce them without any consistency. Do you think the USTA has a responsibility in this area and what would you do to standardize the rulings?

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## THE RACE FOR USTA PRESIDENT



### RUSSELL WILLIAMS

**1. It is very evident that sometime in the fairly near future that whipping will be an issue that the whole industry will have to confront? Do you**

**support the current whipping rule? If not, what do you see as a rule that would be both acceptable to the industry and the public including the cruelty to animal groups?**

“Whips play an indispensable safety role, so they should not be banned. The various players in this controversy – drivers, trainers, track management, paddock veterinarians, judges, commissions, and owners – have to behave more professionally and humanely. The old saw that bettors want to see the drivers carving on their horses near the wire, so they know they’re trying, is outdated and mistaken. Even if it had any shred of truth in it, it would not outweigh the humane considerations and the real threat that improper whipping poses to our continued existence. Judges and paddock vets are somewhat under the influence of track management, let’s face it. Some track management encourage and support strict action on whipping infractions. Other tracks do not, and these are the first ones in danger of going the way of the Massachusetts greyhound tracks. We took one of our state reps and his Generation X daughter to the races one night. As we were leaving, we asked her what she thought. The first words out of her mouth were, ‘Doesn’t it hurt the horses when they beat them like that?’ This is what our potential new fans see first. We have to stop it.”

**2. It is also clear that the judges at several tracks do not know the rules, refuse to enforce the rules, or enforce them without any consistency. Do you think the USTA has a responsibility in this area and what would you do to standardize the rulings?**

“The USTA recognizes that improper whipping violates humane principles, commission regulations, and USTA rules, and threatens our continued existence. We will continue to press for resolution of this unnecessary issue.”



### JASON SETTLEMOIR

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**support the current whipping rule? If not, what do you see as a rule that would be both acceptable to the industry and the public including the cruelty to animal groups?**

“Over the last several years many jurisdictions have updated or totally revamped their whipping rules. My tracks have been no different. I obviously believe that whipping a horse in this day and age is detrimental to our sport’s perception. The USTA has made progress with stiffer penalties and fines for whipping and repeat offenders. My personal belief is that a driver should have a line in each hand until the top of the stretch and a driver should be able

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to whip twice within the approved areas and then pause before whipping again. I also believe that no driver at anytime should lift his arm above the shoulder while whipping. Over the last several years, I have been working with some industry insiders to enlarge the saddle pads and also on a different type of whip. We must continue to focus on this area as there is definitely a perception issue.”

**2. It is also clear that the judges at several tracks do not know the rules, refuse to enforce the rules, or enforce them without any consistency. Do you think the USTA has a responsibility in this area and what would you do to standardize the rulings?**

“I do believe the USTA through the district chairman of each district should be working with each regulatory body to adopt the same rules and regulations the USTA has in place. It is very important that each jurisdiction receives our updated rules and regulations each year and each chairman should have the responsibility to talk and work through an implementation process of these rules. The one rule for instance I consistently hear about is the “pylon rule”. The pylon rule in my opinion needs to be one that really there is no interpretation, as this may be the most frustrating among our core customers, the gamblers.”



### JOE PENNACCHIO

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**support the current whipping rule? If not, what do you see as a rule that would be both acceptable to the industry and the public including the cruelty to animal groups?**

“First, and let me make this perfectly clear, I do not support anything that endangers the well-being of a horse in any way. That is why, at our track here in Florida, we have expelled a driver for indiscriminate use of the whip and have disallowed applicants that have such findings on their record. Horses give all they have to give. (this is one of the reasons I love the use of earplugs.) If any horse is the subject of abuse, the judges need to set strict disciplinary measures, as we have done here.”

**2. It is also clear that the judges at several tracks do not know the rules, refuse to enforce the rules, or enforce them without any consistency. Do you think the USTA has a responsibility in this area and what would you do to standardize the rulings?**

“I believe that applicants for a judge’s license should be put through rigorous training through an updated program developed by the USTA. Furthermore, continuing education programs must be a requirement to retain these positions,

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which are of the utmost importance to the sport and, even more importantly, the public. I believe that a uniform set of requirements should be set for all judges at all tracks. We might even have to entertain the idea of having roving judges, just as baseball does with its umpiring crews.”



### RYAN MACEDONIO

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**support the current whipping rule? If not, what do you see as a rule that would be both acceptable to the industry and the public including the cruelty to animal groups?**

“It does not matter what any of us think or say here. If we want new people and new fans to invest in our sport, we have to acknowledge that there is a growing perception of animal abuse in any industry that uses animals! The circus just went out of business! If we don’t realize that, we will have activists groups and negative publicity, which we cannot afford. There needs to be more publicity explaining the uses of the whip. There is a difference between emergency use of the whip and encouragement use of the whip. You would have to visually show in a video package the proper use of the whip and dangers can be avoided by letting the drivers carry one. If we were to completely ban them tomorrow, it would take time to get used to, but we’d all get over it and adapt. HD cameras allow for a closeup of horses and drivers coming down the stretch, and you can clearly see a horse being struck one handed now. They also allow for seeing a driver kick a horse. That is not good for the sport.”

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“The NBA has enforced a transparency policy and officials report after each game. It holds everyone accountable and shows the public that they care. Why can’t we implement

this? We also can eliminate and rewrite certain rules to eliminate judges’ discretion. A recent rule change was proposed about pylon violations, where if a driver hit a certain number of pylons, there is a specific punishment. It eliminates the need for a judge to determine if it affected the race results. Let’s simplify everything and enforce the rules.”

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p.2, 1:49.2s, 3:1:48.3s (\$1,649,411)

Bh 2007 (15.3h) Artsplace-Precious Beauty, by Jate Lobell

**2017 Fee: \$6,500**



## Famous juniors and how they fared in million-dollar races

Let's take a look at drivers that have a "Jr." on the end of their name in the program and how they fared in races carrying a seven-figure purse.

In the 1981 Meadowlands Pace, Dr. John Hayes, Jr. came from 10th to first with Conquered after qualifying with a third-place finish. This was the colt's only Meadowlands victory. Hayes also the first edition of the North America Cup with Legal Notice, but that was before the purse was \$1 million.

In the 2001 Canadian Trotting Classic that went for \$1,120,250, 59-year-old Bob Blanton, Jr. won with S Js Caviar. Blanton, known mostly as a skilled blacksmith, drove and trained the colt to divisional honors. He and Roger Hammer (2005 Vivid Photo in the Hambletonian) remain the oldest to drive a horse to victory in a million-dollar race.

In the 2004 Meadowlands Pace, Jimmy Morrill, Jr. won with Holborn Hanover at 58-1. Holborn Hanover is the longest priced winner in the 40 editions of the race.

In 1981, John Simpson, Jr., was a nose back of McKinzie Almahurst with Lon Todd Hanover in the \$1,760,000 Woodrow Wilson, the fourth richest race in harness racing history. Simpson, Jr. with Timothy T in 1970 is the last "junior" to win the Hambletonian. No "junior" has ever won the Little Brown Jug.

In 1986, Jim King, Jr. was second with Ali Khan to Cullin Hanover for \$1,561,250.

Who was the first "junior" to drive in a million-dollar race? Jack Parker, Jr. in the \$2,011,000 Woodrow Wilson in 1980. Parker, Jr. was favored with Slapstick, but finished fifth in the race won by Land Grant.

### This ain't thoroughbreds, my friends

In the thoroughbreds, California Chrome, Seattle Slew,

Affirmed, Secretariat, American Pharoah and most others have their stardom centered around the Triple Crown. Even Alydar is best known for his Triple Crown races and his memorable duels with Affirmed in 1978 event, though he fell a buck short.

That's not the case in harness racing, where some of the richest performers have not had much success in Triple Crown races.

Look at the last seven pacers who set the single season earnings record – all three-year-olds.

In 1985, Nihilator won the Jug and earned \$1,864,286 on the year.

In 1990, Beach Towel won the Jug, and was second in the Messenger and earned \$2,091,860.

In 1991, Precious Bunny won the Jug and earned \$2,217,222.

In 1993, Presidential Ball was on the board in all three Triple Crown legs without winning one. He earned \$2,222,166 that year.

In 1994, Cams Card Shark won the Messenger and earned \$2,264,714.

In 2000, Gallo Blue Chip was second in the Jug and earned

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In 2008, Somebeachsomewhere won the Messenger and earned \$2,449,003.

Add to this list the name of Rocknroll Hanover, whose name appears on the all-time list of top single-season earners. He earned \$2,233,257 in 2005 and did not win a Triple Crown race. As a matter of fact, he's the last Horse of the Year to have suffered two defeats in the same day. On Jug Day in 2005, he twice lost to the winner, P Forty Seven.

### The horse(s) God loved?

On July 5, 1975, in consecutive races, Rambling Willie and his brother Rambling Shorty appeared at Sportsman's Park. Willie, a foal of 1975, won while his senior brother (by two years) was fifth. "Shorty" was a chestnut and both were out of the dam Rambling Rebel. Willie had a mark at that time of 1:57.4 while his brother managed a 2:01 record.

### Talk about shining moments

When Helicopter won the 1953 Hambletonian for 29-year-old Harry Harvey and Del Miller it marked the first time the sport had a \$100,000 race. The year before, Sharp Note and Good Time were the first single-season \$100,000 earners. But get this: even though the purse was \$117,117,

neither Helicopter (\$85,028) nor Harvey (\$96,874) made it to \$100,000 for the year.

### Stat of the day

Stanley Dancer never won a Breeders Crown, but he bred the horse that won the most Breeders Crowns – Peace Corps, the four-time winner.

### Mark O'Mara

You probably know Mark O'Mara from Jate Lobell's name. But in 1987, he won the American National that year with three different horses.

Glider tied the 1:58 stakes record for freshman pacing fillies, Firm Tribute won the three-year-old trotting colt event that was going for more than \$100,000 for the first time and Jate Lobell won the sophomore pacing colt division in 1:53, which was a new stakes mark by one-and-four-fifths seconds a year after Jate Lobell won the freshman pacing colt American-National in 1:55.2, which was a new stakes record by two full seconds.

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 (2016 Purse \$240,000)

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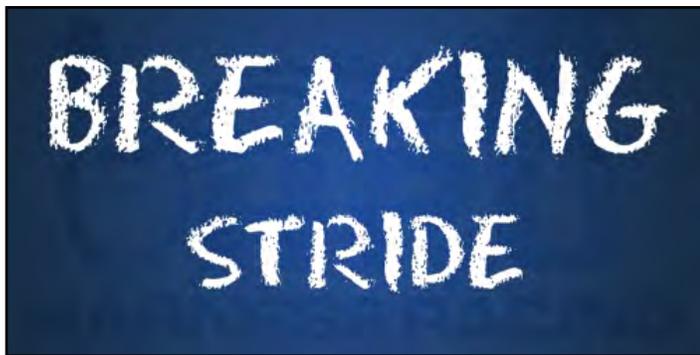
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## How racing can benefit from junk boxes

by *Trey Nosrac*

Once upon a time, I taught Junior High School science in a large public school system.

This was a not as bad as it sounds. June, July, and August totally rocked. I'm not sure what happened to the students during the summer months, perhaps they went back to the farm to harvest corn, or attended remedial classes, or played nonstop video game marathons, but my summer education was furthered in pool halls, on golf courses and at racetracks. Those lazy days of summer were good times.

The non-summer months could be dicey at the old school yard. If teachers succeeded in getting the hormonal juveniles engaged, the days flew past. If teachers did not engage students, objects like chairs and erasers would fly past like shrapnel in a war zone.

One successful engagement for me was a week using objects that did not fly, they rolled. Each year had a slight twist, but the annual "Ramp Wars – The Brawl in the Hall" was always a crowd pleaser. Here is how it went down.

After considering individual personalities, I divided the class into teams of four and gave each a team clever names like The Motley Crue or The Rolling Stones. I would then give each team a clear plastic bag with a very primitive car or cart similar to the one pictured above.

Next I would SHOW them, not give them, the contents of a "Junk Drawer." They were instructed to jot down the items that I would dramatically pull from the junk drawer – rubber bands, tubing, tiny electric motors, buttons, wheels, screws, nails, wooden cubes, wire mesh, tennis balls, batteries, paper clips, string, toothpicks, empty soup cans and other quirky items.

The instructions were that in two days, each team would

be handed a box with exactly the same junk box items. They also would receive a small tool kit with tape, glue, screw driver, hammer and pliers.

Finally, I gave them the challenge.

I would demonstrate how a crude car rolling down the ramp only traveled about two feet. Their task was to re-engineer the car to improve performance. The re-engineered cars would participate in a contest to discover which car would travel the longest distance down the tile hallway in front of our classroom before hitting a sidewall. The victors would get a trophy and lunch at McDonalds.

You might ask, "Why the junk box, why limit the options?"

Some people think theoretically, others think more mechanically. Many students benefit from visual prompts, physical objects, and demonstrations. Asking, "How can these sticks and tennis balls solve the problem?" often can help focus scattershot thinking.

Gosh, did they love this activity. They loved the planning days. They loved the in-class construction days. They loved not having to listen to my lectures. And they were wild in anticipation for the day of the race. Those kids came up some unique ideas that really rolled. They might try to get the motor working, they might alter wheels, experiment with different axels, they might launch it using a rubberband catapult. They built some pretty cool stuff.

Let us try a few quick lessons of this sort with various challenges in the harness racing world. Over the next few weeks you will be faced with what some perceive to be problems in harness racing. If you are of the opinion that everything is rolling along just fine and any alterations to our historic sport are forbidden, that's okay, nobody needs to play mad scientist. But some of us just can't help jumping into a junk box and wielding a pair of needle-nosed pliers.

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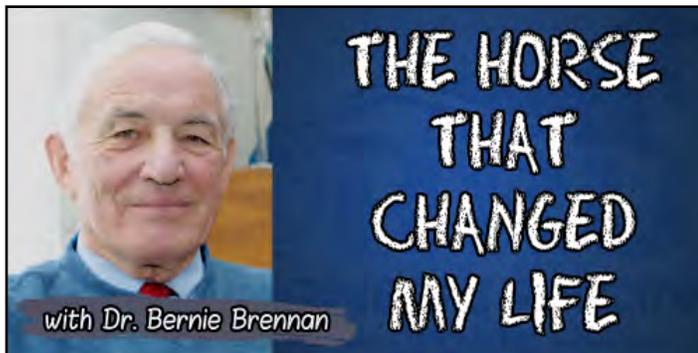
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Grey Cup champion Dr. Bernie Brennan of Kemptville, ON first found fame on the gridiron, but it was a lifetime with standardbreds that became his true sporting love.

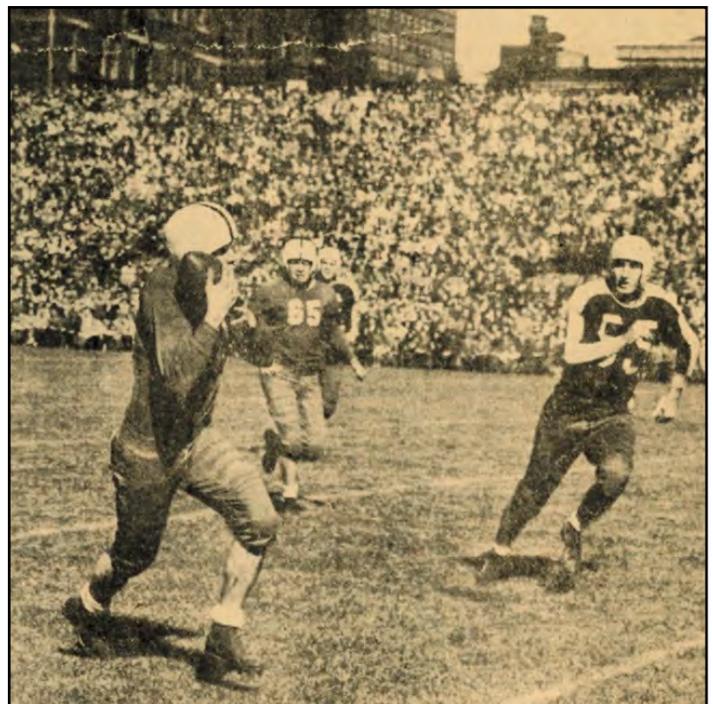
The horse ignited that passion in him more than any other was the legendary Cam Fella.

Brennan, a veterinarian, director of Rideau Carleton Raceway in Ottawa and a former commissioner with the Ontario Racing Commission was one of the first people to buy a stallion share in the horse dubbed The Pacing Machine. The pacer owned by Ontarians Norm Clements and Norm Faulkner won 61 of 80 races (including his last 28 in a row) and earned over \$2 million on the track between 1981 and 1983 before going on to be one of the greatest pacing stallions in harness racing history.

"I always had horses with Pat Crowe," Brennan said of Cam Fella's famed trainer and driver. "We were opening a new (veterinary) hospital in Ottawa and I hadn't had horses for a few years. He called me and told me about Cam Fella and how good he was. I happened to be in Toronto at an equine meeting in February and he was in to race and I went down. It was a cold, cold night and he just destroyed them. So, Pat (Crowe) said, 'They're selling shares in Cam Fella' and I said, 'Boy, I'll take one.' I think I was the first or second person who owned a share in Cam Fella."

Brennan's Ottawa RedBlacks won the 104th Grey Cup game in November, defeating the Calgary Stampeders 39-33 in overtime. In 1951, Brennan was a halfback on the Ottawa squad (then called the Rough Riders) that won the 39th Grey Cup, defeating Saskatchewan 21-14 in the Canadian Football League title game in front of more than 27,000 fans at Varsity Stadium in Toronto. Afterward, there was an all-night party in Toronto, a ticker-tape parade for the Riders down Sparks Street in Ottawa and a party at the famed Chateau Laurier hotel.

Brennan was paid \$800 cash per game in those days. He earned a \$1,000 bonus for winning the Grey Cup. It was the



Dr. Bernie Brennan in action on the gridiron

most he had ever been paid for anything. Though it was a few years before Grey Cup rings became the norm, Brennan and his teammates received rings from the city of Ottawa for the victory. Many years later, Brennan lost his ring in a snow bank at night. He never replaced it.

"A ring's a ring," Brennan said years ago over coffee at Mohawk Racetrack in Campbellville, not far down the road from where, while going to vet school, he starred as a halfback for the University of Guelph's predecessor, the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC). The OAC squad won the national university championship three straight years from 1947 through 1949.

The 1951 Grey Cup was Brennan's last game. He retired from football to pursue a veterinary career as a large-animal vet, first in Saskatchewan and then in New York State, before returning home to Ottawa. In 1955, Brennan and Dr. Jim Hutchinson founded what later became the Alta Vista Animal Hospital, a small-animal practice that became one of the largest clinics of its kind of Canada.

Brennan was inducted into the University of Guelph Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Cam Fella was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1986, the U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2001 and has a major award for meritorious service to the Canadian harness racing industry named in his honor.

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**Mykindachip (#5) and Dapper Dude (#2) dead-heat for win in Saturday's feature at The Meadows.**

## Mykindachip, Dapper Dude set dead-heat record at The Meadows

Mykindachip was wearing down the leader on the inside, Dapper Dude was rallying furiously on the outside to erase a four-length deficit. When they hit the wire in Saturday's \$18,000 winners over life/preferred handicap pace, the camera couldn't separate them. Thus, they were declared dead-heat winners in 1:50.2, the fastest dead heat ever at The Meadows, knocking a tick from the mark set by Hillbilly Hanover and Sam Hill in 2015.

The winners took decidedly different paths to victory. Mykindachip moved first over from third for Dave Palone and finally put away Believeinthefirst late. Dapper Dude, who appeared to be struggling down the backside, kicked it into gear in the far turn for Aaron Merriman and gobbled up the ground. Hawk's Red Chief finished third, a head back.

Ron Burke trains Mykindachip, an eight-year-old Art's Chip—Figmental gelding who pushed his career bankroll to \$672,302, for Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva Stables, Weaver Brussemi LLC and Larry Karr. Dapper Dude, an eight-year-old son of The Panderosa—Dressed To Suggest, now boasts a lifetime bankroll of \$1,044,520 for trainer Bill Bercury and owner Renee Bercury.

Dan Rawlings piloted three winners, including a pair for trainer Dirk Simpson, on the 12-race card.

— *Evan Pattak / The Meadows*



## Sam McKee update

The following update on Sam McKee's health was posted Friday by his family on the [GoFund Me page](#):

"Sam is moving forward with his race to recovery! He settled in to a wonderful rehab facility this week and it's going to keep him very busy. The staff is incredible and he will have daily sessions with occupational, speech and physical therapists. They had him walking back to his room yesterday with heavy assistance, but it was such a joy to see him upright! We were able to put his glasses on for the first time since surgery and he was thrilled to say the least. He is looking better every day, but it's going to be a long road ahead. We are eternally grateful for the outpouring of love and support that continues to be sent our way and we know he will work hard not only for us but for each and every one of you, too."

As of Saturday evening (Feb. 18), the [GoFundMe page](#) had raised more than \$149,000 in donations to aid McKee in his recovery from a major stroke.

## Howard Taylor responds to Glaucine positives

In response to Thursday's announcement by the New York State Gaming Commission ([full story here](#)) regarding alleged Glaucine positives for 26 trainers, attorney Howard Taylor sent a statement Friday afternoon to [harnessracing.com](#) on behalf of five named trainers: Ron Burke, Mark Ford, Julie Miller, Rob Harmon and Richard Johnson.

Here is the statement from Taylor:

The statement issued yesterday by the New York State Gaming Commission is most disappointing, and deeply flawed. The statement would lead one to believe that the 26 trainers listed did something wrong, or violated some rule.

To the contrary, the trainers listed were guilty of nothing. This is evidenced by the fact that no penalty was given out to anyone, with the possible exception of one individual who has done nothing different from the others.

As the Commission is well aware, the Glaucine positives come from wood sawdust used to be the horses' stalls. The fact that the levels document that the Glaucine was "introduced" on race day is of no significance, as the horses are bedded down every day, not just race day. The levels present are not indicative of anything.

The New York Commission has yet to show the science

which would support any differentiation concerning the levels found in any horse. If and when this information is released, we intend to have the research independently verified.

It is interesting to note that this "new research" was conducted in part by the Pennsylvania officials who, like those in Delaware and Maryland, recognized that the Glaucine comes from environmental contamination from the wood shavings, and decided correctly not to penalize any trainer.

The actions of the New York Commission have done nothing to preserve the integrity of the sport. Rather, the misleading statements brought nothing but bad publicity to a sport that can ill afford the black eye.

The New York Commission is not "leading the way when it comes to preserving integrity in horse racing." Rather they have put themselves out on an island against every other jurisdiction who has weighed the facts and circumstances surrounding Glaucine, and decided to take no action based upon fundamental fairness.

This matter is far from concluded, and it is my sincere hope that the NY Commission can be convinced of their overaction and stand in line with every other racing jurisdiction in trying to seek a logical solution to this inadvertent contamination issue. - Howard Taylor

- [harnessracing.com](http://harnessracing.com)

## Waasmula scores win number 30

The classy pacing mare Waasmula found the winner's circle for the first time in 2017 and the 30th time of her career Friday night (Feb. 17) at Woodbine Racetrack.

The nine-year-old daughter of Million Dollar Cam—Waasmowin converted off a second-over trip from driver Trevor Henry to win this week's top class for pacing mares in 1:51.3.

Friday's victory was extra special for Waasmula, as it was the Bruce Goit trainee's first win since surpassing \$1 million in career earnings on Jan. 27 at Woodbine.

Bred and owned by Brent Vincent of Allenford, ON, Waasmula was making the 131st start of her career Friday and fourth of her nine-year-old season. Last year, she won seven of 28 starts while banking over \$293,000.

Waasmula has been competing regularly in the top classes for pacing mares on the Woodbine Entertainment circuit since 13 days after capturing the Ontario Sires Stakes Super



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**It's been a banner month for Waasmula, who celebrated her 30th career win and surpassed \$1 million in career earnings.**

Final for three-year-old pacing fillies back in November of 2011.

The Vincent homebred's career totals now sit at 30 wins, \$1,016,038 earned and a mark of 1:49.2. She paid \$7.30 to win.

While Waasmula won the \$25,000 feature race Friday, leading driver Doug McNair continued to add to his impressive early-season totals.

The Guelph, Ontario resident picked up three more victories Friday to give him 47 this season at Woodbine. McNair now has a 26-win lead over nearest rival Louis Philippe Roy, who won two-races Friday.

— *Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications*

## Bedroomconfessions wins \$50,000 Distaff Derby at Yonkers

Favored Bedroomconfessions (Scott Zeron, \$4.30) was first home from second-over Friday night (Feb. 17), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$50,000 filly and mare open handicap pace.

Unhurried from post position No. 4, Bedroomconfessions watched as pole-assigned Empress Deo (Matt Kakaley) was the lone leaver. The other lasses quickly demurred through soft early intervals of :28.2 and :57.1.

Passing the intermission, Delightful Dragon (Brent Holland) took out of third, giving the people's choice a lass to latch onto.

Empress Deo maintained her advantage in and out of a 1:25.2 three-quarters, taking a length-and-a-half lead into the lane. However, after buried alive a week ago,

Bedroomconfessions had no issue finding an open lane here. She powered past the leader, winning by three-quarters of a length in 1:53.2.

Empress Deo held second, with Delightful Dragon, Motu Moonbeam N (Mark MacDonald) and a pocketed Arielle Lynn (Jason Bartlett) settling for the remainder.

For Bedroomconfessions, a five-year-old daughter of American Ideal—Turnoffthelights co-owned (as Alagna Racing) by (trainer) Tony Alagna and Riverview Racing, it was her first win in a pair of seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$6.80, with the triple (three wagering favorites in order) returning \$22.80.

— *Frank Drucker / Yonkers*

## Florida USHWA banquet on tap

The Florida Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association is pleased to announce its annual Florida Harness Racing Hall of Fame Awards Banquet.

Scheduled for March 10 at the Ft. Lauderdale Marriott Resort and Spa (1200 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33062), this event honors the standardbred horsemen and horses that created memorable performances in 2016 and during their careers.

Hall of Fame inductees includes trainers Dan Hennessey and Mark Friedman, and the stalwart Florida-based pacing stallions Royel Millennium and Rock On.

The event also includes presentation of the FADC Amateur Driver of the Year and the FSBOA Crystal Awards.

Proceeds provide for continuation of the promotion of harness racing, plus funding of the annual Allen J. Finkelson scholarship awards and the Aime Choquette Sunshine Fund. Join us for the celebration and networking on March 10 at 6 pm.

Tickets are \$80 each and tables of 10 are available. Price includes dinner, one hour open bar and cocktail hour. To purchase tickets and to place congratulatory advertisements in the Hall of Fame Awards Program, contact Rosie Huff at the FSBOA office (954-972-5400) or Steven Wolf (954-654-3757). Email [rosie@floridaharnessracing.com](mailto:rosie@floridaharnessracing.com) or [stevenwolf1956@gmail.com](mailto:stevenwolf1956@gmail.com).

— *Thomas H. Hicks / Florida Chapter USHWA*

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## Milici and lack of transparency at Yonkers

I wanted to drop a short note to you regarding the poor excuse of a horseman, Tom Milici. Yonkers Raceway was very quick to let the public know that they were refusing entries from this individual and why they came to this decision (ongoing investigation as to who is/was really training his horses). I find it disturbing that without any further word to the public, they began accepting his entries (again). I guess they are not aware of the term transparency as without it, the sport will continue to suffer.

I called Yonkers Raceway and was told by the racing secretary that they are allowing him to enter horses that he or certain relatives own. He went on to say that no reporters reached out to him and that is why there was not any communication put out for public consumption.

— Robert Rosenberg

## Jason Settlemoir responds to two HRU letters

I would like to respond to last Sunday, February 12th's "Dante Returns Serve" and "[Why does OMTP mean 12MTP](#)". Mr. Dante,

The date you are referring to – Thursday, January 26th – we had nine races where last year we had 10 races and our on-track handle was flat in comparison with one less race and we wagered over \$1.3 million dollars on those nine races. We also had a group party of 80 people in Trotters enjoying the races another 30 in the Skyboxes for another group party. We agree with you that there is not as many people in the building as in the "Pegasus Restaurant 20 plus years ago," but I believe you would be hard pressed to find any other racetrack in the country that had as many as we did on a Thursday night for live racing in the dead of winter. The product on a Thursday night includes large fields, an average of 9.66 starters per race, we understand that you as



a customer want large fields and do our very best despite not having gaming at the Meadowlands. Hopefully one day (gaming at the Meadowlands) will become a realization, but for now this is our reality.

We try to reach out to each and every one of our customers. Just last fall we had a large marketing firm do focus groups to tell us what we can do better and what our customers want in addition to what we already give them. The research findings showed us ideas and how we can do better with our current customer and bringing in new customers, as well. Each quarter, since I have been here at the Meadowlands (November, 2012) we have small independent focus groups here at the Meadowlands and our OTW Winners Bayonne. Also, throughout the year we host dinners for our best players who use a players club card, this is similar to the approach we use in upstate New York in our casinos. I would like for you to be a guest at our next one and if you want to stop by my office to discuss ideas you have outside of those focus groups please stop by, my door is always open.

We certainly appreciate your support of the Meadowlands and I look forward to speaking with you about your ideas in person or you can always email me at [jsettlemoir@playmeadowlands.com](mailto:jsettlemoir@playmeadowlands.com).

Mr. Hunter,

Your critique of harness racing and/or horse racing in general is not "petty and or trivial" when it comes to dragging past zero for post time. It drives me crazy as well! I generally set the post times here at the Meadowlands with the exception of last year. When I set the post times we avoid WEG (Woodbine and Mohawk harness) and we work extremely well together and most other harness tracks set post times off us. When it comes to thoroughbreds they generally do not watch harness tracks and post times, but I do try to watch them. WEG does not go on post time either. They have a typical drag, as well, but they came up with the idea to put the "countdown clock" up on TV when there is one minute to post time (after their drag). We liked this idea so we have adopted the same policy here at the Meadowlands.

Mr. Gural, when he first took over the Meadowlands, tried to go on post time and the handle dropped immediately 10 per cent or more. Mr. Gural and I met with one of the larger gamblers in Saratoga in the summer of 2012 and talked to him about post times and he told us that we needed to go past zero as much as possible to increase the handle. I am guessing that this has been ingrained in the customer for many years and they don't wager until the very last minute

or until the gate is rolling or horses are being loaded into the gate and they are not looking to change now. We agree it is a very frustrating process and I have spoken many times about the racetracks working together for post times and getting our races off on time. The unfortunate part is, while we agree with you, we would not be able to do this alone it would have to be an industry-wide initiative for the practical idea to work. We simply can't afford at this time to lose any handle.

On a positive note, the night time tracks through TVG have reached out to one another to talk about post time coordination and the Meadowlands will be part of that discussion. I hope positive information will come out of this meeting and this can be the first step back to getting our races off on time. Thanks for your note and support and please feel free to email me

[jsettlemoir@playmeadowlands.com](mailto:jsettlemoir@playmeadowlands.com) at any time.

– *Jason M. Settlemoir / COO/GM New Meadowlands Racetrack/Winners Bayonne*

## Disgusted over the cheaters

I have been breeding horses for over 30 years and have seen many disturbing things that hurt the reputation of the sport. I have always taken pride in trying to breed the best I can and always hoped the racing field would be level for all in the business. It is absolutely disgusting how so many trainers find ways to cheat and steal everyone else's money in the process. It takes a lot of money as we all know to breed a horse and then have someone prepare it for competition on the track. The cheating saga never ends and will eventually drag this sport down beyond repair. As long as the racing commissions hand out these embarrassing fines and little suspensions the cheating will continue and the sport will suffer more and more damage until it disappears. The greed of some will destroy harness racing. I am a very disgusted breeder and sometimes wonder why I don't just get the hell out of this business for good.

– *Jerry Giuliano / Solebury, PA*



## Awaiting The Curmudgeon's corrections

In the [Feb. 12 edition of HRU](#) The Curmudgeon decided to invoke my name in one of his rants. I felt compelled to explain to this person that I'm not a breeder, owner, or track insider. I'm simply a fan and a bettor and a fairly young (33) one that hopes the sport will be around to enjoy for decades to come. I admit that I did not take into account the type of stakes race that was being battled over. However, my main point in comparing the NJ races to PA races was that was a nary any outrage anywhere that these very, very valuable races were cancelled and the now meaningless NJ races invoked a lawsuit because Mr. Taylor and his partners assumed they had a sure winner in what would certainly be another very short field. I did not take into account whether they paid into the race simply because I assumed they would get their payments back if the race was cancelled. Thus, in my mind and as a fan, the situations were similar. It's too bad the other races in PA couldn't warrant litigation since as a fan it's a shame to see a major card lost. If The Curmudgeon wishes to debate or "correct" me he's more than welcome. I welcome the challenge.

On other and better topics, I just wanted voice my agreement and support for Vic Dante. I agree with 99.9 per cent of all of his feedback letters. I find his opinions to be spot on.

As for the Gural Rule, it's brutally difficult to debate. As a fan, obviously I want to see great horses compete against each other. However, I admit that I wouldn't be happy if I was an owner and I was forced to bring my champion back when his value couldn't be any higher. There is no doubt that the rule hurt Father Patrick and Captaintreacherous. There are definite merits to both sides of the argument and even as a fan I'm torn. The epic battles we saw last year between the big three were great, but proved that you DON'T need the rule. Mr. Gural greatest asset in this debate also accentuates one of harness racing biggest problems. It's easy to ask for people such as Mr. Segal and Mr. Katz to keep their horses racing since they appear to win so many races and money. If they speak out, as they have done, they may come across to some fans and others as unsupportive of the industry's future. However, their dominance highlights the huge problem of a lack of new owners in the sport. I was sitting outside on Breeders Crown night at the Meadowlands in November and watched Mr. Katz walk past me to winner's circle over and over again (btw I would have loved to have been him!). For the most part, the ownership groups that win

the majority of stakes races are all the same. With partnerships, it's even more glaring. I remember a few years ago when a man (I believe his name was Jerry Silva) seemed to buy into or have a piece of almost every champion. As much as we need new and bigger bettors, we need more new owners too in order to survive.

Finally, I found it curious and frightening the size and quality of some of this winter's racing. In Ohio, Northfield and Miami Valley are overflowing with horses. They are able to card 14 and 16 race cards. Dover Downs still has full cards. However, even with Plainridge, Maine tracks, Saratoga, Chester and Pocono closed Monticello, Yonkers and the Meadowlands all have varying degrees of short cards and short fields. Monticello cards eight races some days which is unreal. Also, they have a ton of six-horse fields. The Meadowlands has been hurt by running Thursdays. Between Mr. Gural's ban on certain trainers and mediocre purses, this winter's racing has been a disappointment, so far. Last year's Saturday cards were exponentially better. Yonkers, however, is the most curious. Despite huge purses that dwarf every other track running now, Yonkers is only carding 10 races a night. At first, I thought it was because they were running Sundays and thus 6 days a week compared to 5. However, they haven't run on Sundays since before the Super Bowl and nothing has changed. Some nights they card 11 races, but mostly 10 including Saturday (02/11) that featured an absurd five trots. What on Earth is going on? Are they conserving money for later? Is the purse account overdrawn? Are they trying to close the upstairs early to save electricity? Is it a ploy to get the 25 horseplayers left there to go play the slots? Who knows? Also, while I applaud Yonkers for the HD TV upgrade, two question remain. First, why on Earth does Drucker and his nightly co-host appear in a tiny center box while the rest of the TV screen in black? It's like the size of a picture in picture box which also makes reading the exotic odds really annoying unless you are betting over an ADW or have the screen right in front of you. Second, when is the new finish line going to be turned on? I know it has something to do with NYSRWB and approval, but come on. By the time they flip the switch the pole will have rusted and the camera be obsolete.

Thanks for the time and I await The Curmudgeon's corrections.

– *Christopher Fenty / Mount Kisco, NY*

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## RE: Five questions for USTA presidential candidates

I went to Monticello Raceway for live racing a couple of weeks ago and I found out the grandstand had been closed. I was ushered into a simulcast room with a bunch of tables and chairs about 12 people, six TVs and one teller. This was while they were actually conducting live racing on the track. This is a real snapshot of the dying-on-the-vine world of harness racing. Yonkers has higher purses than the handle of the race. I went to Chester last year for the first time and found out the grandstand is the actual couple of concrete rows of seating outside of the casino. Harness racing in America is a navy of small ships and one aircraft carrier. That aircraft carrier is The Meadowlands and it is sinking. Why that was not addressed by the candidates ([full story here](#)) is a mystery. If these gentlemen want to help harness racing they better address this issue head on.

– Mike Sprague / Bedminster, NJ

## Three points and a challenge from NZ

I read HRU each week, despite being based near the bottom of our dear planet, in little far away New Zealand. What happens in USA, effects our industry here.

I make three points in regard to recent debates in HRU and one challenge

**1. GURAL RULE.** If, in NZ and /or Australia, we retired our best horses at the end of their three-year-old season, our industry would have disappeared many moons ago. Much of a fan base in this part of world is centered on identifiable champions, not flash-in-pan leading two-year-olds, who the race public (our clients) can forget very quickly. Three-year-olds are a better stepping stone, but still only a latter step to real FFA class races.

The fact Mr. Gural puts his love of harness racing and its future (as he sees it) ahead of his friendships and ahead of the wealthy status quo owners of stallions, I say speaks huge for his courage. It also suggests his thinking is with vigor, and that he has a youthful mind, often lost in older 'age'. I salute you Mr. Gural.

Usually industries or people-led complexes wane or die, due to the fixed-minded attitude of the elder wealthy controlling the status quo. Does not harness racing suffer from such embedded elder leadership and friendships

worldwide?

**2. MARVIN KATZ.** He wrote about his and his co-stallion owners alleged millions of dollars of stallion fee losses, without identifying how he assessed those losses. He also in some unidentified manner blamed all such losses on the Gural Rule.

What Mr. Katz failed to disclose was the millions of dollars USA stallion owners, like him, are 'bleeding' or reaping (or both) from the much smaller NZ and Australian harness marketplaces and breeders; year in and year out.

Last time estimated, the NZ dollar drain to USA stallion owners like Mr. Katz, was about \$6 million per year. Sire Bettors Delight served over 300 mares each season in NZ in four of past seven seasons (and over 249 in the other three seasons). His 2016 fee was \$16,000 payable on PT (not on live foal). One does not need to be mathematician to see the huge money flow going out of the NZ plughole, into, I say, greedy or dollar-insatiable USA stallion owners' pockets.

What do people like Mr. Katz do in return for the rapidly dying NZ harness industry?

Overpriced stallion fees and unlimited stallion books in NZ, are the number one problem. These facts add to the huge challenge about our NZ harness industry being sustainable, or not, in coming years.

Every season, that approximate \$6 million drain to USA stallion owners, needs to be re-found by NZ industry participants... and the result is a disappearing NZ breeder base. We have so little casino monies here to fund racing. We have so fewer races than in North America, and in NZ we race for far lower total stakes, and far lower stakes per horses raced.

Our NZ stakes per horse raced are about 30 per cent of North American levels, yet our stud fees of some USA owned stallions, thanks to men like Mr. Katz, are higher? Fair? Please ask yourself Mr. Katz, next time you are counting your millions.

**3. INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE.** We have in NZ right now a super four-year-old, who I suggest could 'kick the ass' on the racetrack of not only the wonderful Wiggle It Jiggleit, but also any other FFA horse USA or Canada puts on the track against him. His name is Lazarus. He is a NZ-bred race-stallion.

I don't simply suggest he's great, cause I bred his granddam and great granddam. I suggest he is great cause his trainer says he is the best horse he has ever trained, and his trainer is rated at the top in NZ and Australia. This horse's

race record also suggests world greatness. As a four-year-old he won the richest race in NZ, the NZ Cup, again all aged horses... and he won by about 10 lengths, in a new world record. Sure that is a two-mile race, but this guy can sprint with the best older horses as well.

Now here is the challenge:

Some of Mr. Katz and his stallion owners could put up say a minimum of \$13 million (just two years of NZ stallions' fee income share to USA stallion owners) to attract Lazarus to USA to race all comers in a World Cup Series. The series would of course need to pay all return travel costs for all equine participants.

Imagine the media coverage. Imagine the race day fan interest and hype. Imagine the world social media and Internet coverage. It puts harness racing, in one step, up with thoroughbred's richest races. The races would have to be on a track like the Meadowlands – no half-mile track conquests.

It can repeat some of the wonderful races of NZ's aged Cardigan Bay (who came to USA when he was nearly a cripple) and the young Bret Hanover, and, if I recall correctly, also Overtrick.

My guess is the USA stallion owners are either too stingy with their easily-won flood of NZ semen fee income (an extra bonus to those stallion owners); or they will be concerned they will see another NZ horse come over and beat the best racehorses they have to offer.

To make it a super night of world harness racing, why not also offer a similar \$13 million race series for the trotting all-comers.

The condition could be this trot series only proceeds if Bold Eagle comes over from EU – and again I suggest he will 'tan the hide' of any USA trotter available to race him. Incidentally, Bold Eagle also mixes sire duties with race duties, like Father Patrick tried to do.

No one said in any report I read that it was his ejaculations that slowed Father Patrick on the racetrack, as a four-year-old. Was it?

Maybe if such a great race series (perhaps four races of each gait over four or five weeks – the first three races of each gait of the series could be for \$1 million each, and with two \$10 million finales) are confirmed a year out from race series dates, Bold Eagle will come from EU, and also Lazarus from NZ. The running of such races could depend on a real foreign star.

Perhaps Always B Miki and Sweet Lou and the Captain T and Betting Line and Father Patrick and some three-year-old retired trotters will come out of retirement to try to win a

slice of the respective \$13 million for each series. Then Mr. Jimmy Taker's urging that Always B Miki and Father Patrick were respectively the best ever pacer, and the best of the best trotters in USA, could be seriously tested.

The race series could be held in June or July, starting in 2018, so each stallion's stud season in the northern hemisphere need not be affected, but the horses reputations on the racetrack could be lifted or gutted, which seems to me what Mr. Katz was, and is, really, really concerned about.

Did our beloved harness racing in USA not begin with roots of who can beat who? Not, how do I shield this horse from serious all-aged competition, cause I do not think he is really up to it?

Reading the repertoire between USA leaders in recent HRU, I doubt any of them, aside from Mr. Gural, would have the inclination and guts to stage such a daring and money-attractive world race series.

Come on. Prove me wrong Mr. Katz and Mr. Segal, and all those from Blue Chip and Hanover and Diamond and some other leading farms. Tell us you up to this challenge to American supremacy? I say the foreign horses will clean you up. What say you?

Why would you and your wealthy stallion owning colleagues not co-fund such a world race series challenge, Mr. Katz?

**4. INTERNATIONAL EQUINE TRAVEL.** One means of increasing international competition, and for USA racetracks increasing access to race horses, would be for some USA racetracks and/or USTA to co-fund the lease of say two second-hand planes, and fit them out for luxury equine travel, and employ pilot and crew.

We did this between USA and NZ back in the 1980s, and it worked really well back then. Leasing planes is easier than one might think.

This could become a once-a-month guaranteed return flight to/from NZ and Australia, and say a weekly between USA and EU, and say daily USA to Canada.

This could reduce the present actual cost per horse from NZ to USA, from about \$20,000 one way travel, to about \$4,000. In some situations, the \$4,000 could also be sponsored, where a club wanted a horse to come race. If numbers initially were low, as they likely would be early on, the service would need sponsors, perhaps racetracks and the USTA; but in time, this should become self sufficient - and really open the USA door to more foreign horses coming to race in USA.

– *David W Phillips / Heartland Farm, Pokeno, NZ*

## Possible name change

Our game can benefit from a redefined image at least for publicity and promotion purposes. Let's call the sport North American Horse Racing instead of harness racing. It is potentially more interesting and sellable to concentrate on the horse than the harness. We don't race harnesses we race horses.

Most participants know the horse and the harness are dependent on each other to obtain a maximum performance during race competition. Still, on the spectator side of the racetrack fence, putting emphasis on the horse rather than the harness has to be a good thing.

There are many more interesting stories about the heritage of racehorses and the evaluation of pedigrees than there are about changing from leather harness to synthetic ones. Actually, a study of the effect of overcheck bits, murphy blinds, ear plugs, driving bits, broom shadow rolls, head poles, etc might be fascinating. But the sport will be better served by focusing the prospective new participant's attention on the horse's role in the game instead of the harness.

If you think this is a silly idea you might be right. Still, how is what we are currently doing working out for us? Let's hear it for NORTH AMERICAN HORSE RACING.

– Jim Reynolds / Watseka, IL

## RE: Trey and poetry

Dear Trey. Thanks for recognizing [my little ditty](#) I knew a keen literary mind like yours wouldn't be intimidated by a word like "existentially". Maybe next time you should look for your judges somewhere else besides Hallmark.

All the best.

– Jerry Riordan / Halmstad, Sweden

## Gural for commissioner

Harness racing ought to get a grip and beg Jeff Gural to be its commissioner!

Why? a) He's smart. b) He's a bettor. c) He cares about the sport. d) He's got money. e) He's got common sense.

Reading his 2/12/17 letter in [HRU's Feedback section](#), ought to be required reading for everyone who still cares!

It's crunch time for our sport and everyone better recognize that harness racing is resting squarely on the balls of its ass – and nothing will change as long as the same lifers keep pissing and moaning about their genius plans to

magically turn things around! When casinos find a way to legally unfetter itself, harness racing will be out the door like s--- through a goose. But, as long as slot money keeps pouring in, harness racing will keep looking the other way. "Save for a rainy day? Naaaah. We'll worry about tomorrow tomorrow, or, whenever it gets here."

Try and imagine, for a just moment, how pissed off casinos must be, having to funnel its money into a sport that's not drawing flies, nor, betting much, either.

What's required is: 1) a comprehensive plan of action 2) the money necessary to implement such a plan. Oh, and, one other thing: a spirit of cooperation. Until everyone in the business finally recognizes that getting on the same page – in a true spirit of camaraderie – is a must, then there soon will be no sport of harness racing left to save.

Harness racing must share a common mindset, pool its resources and ask Jeff Gural to please lead the charge.

– Steve Ross / Medford, NJ

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# RACE RESULTS

## HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian races with a purse of \$15,000 and over, plus stakes races \$10,000 and over

## MEADOWLANDS report

### Thursday's Results:

**7, M, \$15,000, T, DASH FOR THE "G" NOTES - FINAL, 28.0, 56.1, 1:25.1, 1:55.0, FT**

**1-Never Ever Clever (m, 6, Muscle Hill--Clever Catch, by Andover Hall), \$55,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Millstream Stable LLC. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Jonas Czernyson. D-Brett Miller, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 62-11-8-13, \$128,581**

 **ANOTHER DIAMOND CREEK-BRED WINNER!** 

**2-Montalbano Bi (g, 6, Donato Hanover--Gulfstream It, by Pine Chip), \$50,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Joel L Kahan. B-Allevamento G Biasuzzi. T-Patti Harmon. D-Drew Monti, \$3,750**

**3-Detroit Rapper (g, 6, Jailhouse Jesse--Showpiece, by Yankee Glide), \$25,000 2012 IN-PREM O-Harmon Racing Stable LLC. B-AL J Libfeld, CA & Marvin Katz, CA. T-Patti Harmon. D-Jim Marohn Jr, \$1,800  
Calls: 2H, 1Q, 1, 2, 1 - Finish Order: Hes An American, Stonebridge Idol, Bad Day Black Rock, Stitch In Time, Grey Ice, New York Attitude, P L Houdini**

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### Friday's Results:

**7, M, \$20,000, T, N/W \$15,000 in Last 4 Starts AE: N/W \$30,000 in 2017 Drawn Outside, 28.3, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:53.4, FT**

**1-Rose Run Parker (g, 6, Jailhouse Jesse--Centergy, by Armbr Solar), \$26,000 2012 IN-PREM O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Rose Run Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 61-40-3-4, \$809,465**

**2-B Yoyo (g, 7, Striking Sahbra--B Joyflo, by Enjoy Lavec) O-Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Ben F Robards. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$5,000**

**3-Crosbys Clam Bake (g, 7, Kadabra--Pacific Elegance, by Donerail) O-Randall B Bendis & Jack B Piatt II & Thomas J Pollack. B-Edward H Lohmeyer & Patricia M Hogan. T-Andrew Federico Jr. D-Jim Marohn Jr, \$2,400**

Calls: 2, 1Q, 1H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Muscle Diamond, Opulent Yankee, War Cry Hall, Can Do, Caulfield, Marion Millionair

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**Saturday's Results: Results for tonight were unofficial at the time of publication & will be published in Friday's edition**

## MIAMI VALLEY report

### Friday's Results:

**9, MVR, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP P.P. 1 ASSIGNED, 26.2, 55.2, 1:23.2, 1:52.3, FT**

**1-Noone To Depend On (m, 4, Santanna Blue Chip--Tipsy Taters, by Camluck) O-Stephen E Herrick & Mark R Bogen. B-Dr Robert G & Joan M Boyce, CA. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 47-13-6-3, \$133,506**



### PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-American Girl (m, 8, Art's Chip--L Dees Lourdes, by Dragon Again), \$6,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Darla D Gaskin & Stanley L Rosenblatt. B-Gardner Farms LLC. T-Tyler George. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr., \$5,500**

**3-Aniston Seelster (m, 5, Mach Three--Angelina Seelster, by Astreos), \$25,000 2013 FOREST O-Kara S Witt. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Randy Tharps, \$2,640**

Calls: 1, 1, 1Q, 1H, T - Finish Order: Igottafeelinfran, Er Monica, Cas Art Apparel, Ryleigh's Lilly, Somewhere Sweet, Invest In Art

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### Saturday's Results:

**5, MVR, \$16,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 26.4, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.2, FT**

**1-Rocknroll Jewel (g, 10, Rocknroll Hanover--Michelle's Jewel, by Cam's Card Shark) O-Chris Choros. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer, \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 172-44-32-26, \$365,739**



### PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Hickory Icon (g, 7, Real Desire--Ideal Treasure, by Western Ideal) O-Jessica A Smith. B-Brittany Farms. T-Randal Smith. D-Jeremy Smith, \$4,125**

**3-Heza Thrill N (g, 8, Christian Cullen--Be Happy Sam, by Washington Vc) O-Thomas J Pollack. B-B V Sampson, NZ. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-John De Long, \$1,980**

Calls: T, 1, NS, NS, T - Finish Order: Lyons Jimmydean, Ardyne Ace, Firstclassallthway, Over Friskie, K Ryan Bluechip, Speed Trap, Gerries Sport

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**8, MVR, \$22,000, P,** HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I HCP P.P. 9  
ASSIGNED, 27.0, 56.0, 1:23.4, 1:52.0, FT

**1-Latest Desire (g, 7, Real Desire--Latest Design, by Western Hanover),** \$17,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Aws Stables & Fairway Stables & Milton J Leeman. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Simon Allard, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 94-32-12-8, \$401,936

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Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-My Buddy Ninkster (g, 5, Dali--Sporty Ellie, by Sportsmaster)**  
O-John G Krasnican Jr & Mary E Krasnican. B-Mary E Krasnican. T-Robert Phillips. D-Tyler Smith, \$5,500

**3-Lucky Lime (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Cupcakesnwhipcream, by Camluck),** \$25,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Kirk L Nichols. B-Stephen Perrine Dey. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater, \$2,640

Calls: 1, 1, 1, 1Q, NK - Finish Order: Smoke Up Johnny, Account Rollover, Sparky Mark, Sir Mammo, Meadowbrookthunder, Nitro

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**11, MVR, \$15,500, P,** HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000  
W/ALLOWANCES, 26.4, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:51.1, FT

**1-Kiss Of Terror (g, 5, Western Terror--Kissed By A Fool, by Jenna's Beach Boy)** O-Robert D Newsome. B-Vae LLC. T-Zach Tackett. D-Jeremy Smith, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 68-16-11-5, \$175,444

**2-Franzo (g, 5, Rockin Image--Trinity Islands, by Jenna's Beach Boy),** \$67,000 2013 HOOSIER  
O-Adam B Short. B-Steve Schmucker. T-Adam Short. D-Dan Noble, \$3,875

**3-Savage Seelster (g, 7, Camluck--Slick Gaited, by Artsplace)**  
O-Clinton B Lugar. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Daniel Maier. D-Chris Page, \$1,860

Calls: 2, 1, 1, 1Q, NS - Finish Order: One Lucky Dragon, Jack Reacher, Stormy West, Saulsbrook Astrobo, Giant Sculpture, Screaman Seaman A, Feelin Lika Winner

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## THE MEADOWS report

**Saturday's Results:**

**8, Mea, \$18,000, P, \*\*W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP\*\***  
P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-6 DRAWN, 26.2, 54.0, 1:21.1, 1:50.2, FT

**1-Dapper Dude (h, 8, The Panderosa--Dress To Suggest, by Camluck)**  
O-Renee J Bercury. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$6,750, Lifetime Record: 127-32-22-24, \$1,044,520

**1-Mykindachip (g, 8, Art's Chip--Figmental, by Precious Bunny)**  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-John R Miller. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$6,750, Lifetime Record: 144-43-23-19, \$672,302

**3-Hawk's Red Chief (g, 6, I Scoot Hanover--Fancy Trouble, by Troublemaker),** \$15,000 2012 HOOSIER O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Michelle L Yanek. B-Frederick C & Carolyn K Shiery. T-Ron Burke. D-Mike Wilder, \$2,160  
Calls: 1H, 3, 1, 1, HD - Finish Order: Believeinthspirit, Gokudo Hanover, Kingofthejungle

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## WOODBINE report

**Friday's Results:**

**9, Wdb, \$25,000, P,** FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,000 LAST 5 STARTS.  
AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 26.2, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:51.3

**1-Waasmula (br,m,9 - Million Dollar Cam-Waasmowin-Apaches Fame)** O-Brent Vincent B-Brent & Thomas Vincent T-Bruce Goit D-Trevor Henry, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 131-30-17-26, \$1,016,038

**2-Bernadette (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Matilda-Artiscape)** O-David Kryway,Amherstburg, Ronald Adams B-Ronald Mersky T-Ronald Adams D-Douglas McNair

**3-Sayitall Bb (br,m,6 - Tell All-Challo B B-Nobleland Sam)** O-Travis Cullen B-Robert Bendel T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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**Saturday's Results:**

**1, Wdb, \$22,000, P,** NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$25,000  
LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$45,000. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME,  
27, 55.3, 1:23.1, 1:51.3

**1-Shadow Margeaux (blk,g,6 - Shadow Play-Joyeux-Artsplace)**  
O-Keith Cassell, Dr John Tobin, Limco Inc, Victor Puddy B-Perretti Farms T-Victor Puddy D-Phillip Hudon, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 69-8-14-15, \$137,387

**2-P L Jackson (b,h,4 - Mach Three-Kg Katriona-Jennas Beach Boy)**  
O-Travis Cullen, Jodie Cullen B-Prince Lee Acres T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**3-Dialamara (b,g,5 - Lis Mara-Ladsai-Real Artist)** O-John Lamers B-Doug Mac Phee T-Patrick Fletcher D-James MacDonald

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**4, Wdb, \$25,000, P,** NW \$21,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$29,000  
LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$55,000. AE: NW \$140,000 LIFETIME,  
26.1, 54.1, 1:22, 1:50.1

**1-Audreys Dream (br,g,9 - Rocknroll Hanover-Belovedangel-Artsplace)** O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Susan Grange T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 164-38-25-21, \$474,833

**2-Shadow Place (b,g,6 - Shadow Play-Loving Place-Artsplace)**  
O-Robert Kyle Fellows, Carl Stafford B-Dan Belieau T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Jody Jamieson

**3-Vegas Rocks (b,g,5 - Rocknroll Hanover-Stonebridge Hugs-Artsplace)** O-Copley Stables, Jody Sanderson, Dean Larkin B-Angie Stiller T-Katie Gangell D-James MacDonald

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## RACE RESULTS

**6, Wdb, \$20,000, P, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR \$90,000 LIFETIME, 26.2, 55.1, 1:22.4, 1:50.3**

**1-Awesome (b,g,4 - Mach Three-Fancy A Dream-Camluck)**

O-Martin Scharf B-Norman & Julie Keyes T-Ryan Maxwell  
D-Douglas McNair, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 15-9-5-0, \$114,300

**2-Highlandbeachycove (b,h,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Rockn Highland-Rocknroll Hanover)** O-Travis Cullen, Ronald Cullen, Keith Hannah B-Highland Thoroughbred Frm T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**3-Lyons Sands (b,g,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ozmopolitan-Artsplace)** O-Geoffrey Lyons Mound B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Bruce Goit D-Trevor Henry

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**8, Wdb, \$34,000, P, PREFERRED, 26.3, 55.3, 1:23, 1:50.4**

**1-Nickle Bag (b,g,7 - Rocknroll Hanover-Buckle Bunni-Four Starzzz Shark)** O-Linda Loyens, Harry Loyens B-Nicholas Malcolm T-William Robinson D-Trevor Henry, \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 150-33-36-26, \$868,970



**2-Alexas Jackpot (b,g,7 - Million Dollar Cam-Michelles Jackpot-Artsplace)** O-Marty Fine, Highland Thoroughbred FRM B-Jeffrey Snyder T-Marty Fine D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-Nirvana Seelster (b,g,6 - Camluck-No Strikes Against-Western Hanover)** O-Bruce Davy B-Seelster Farms Inc T-William Budd D-Richard Zeron

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## YONKERS report

### Friday's Results:

**1, YR, \$18,000, P, 3,4&5 YEAR OLD CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.1, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:55.0, FT**

**1-Barrys Shelby (g, 5, Mach Three--Miss Direction, by Direct Scooter)** O-Brittany M Robertson. B-Barry W McClennan, CA. T-Brittany Robertson. D-George Brennan, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 75-6-13-12, \$68,629

**2-Cartoon Daddy (h, 5, Art Major--Ask Alice, by The Panderosa), \$60,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Richard J Banca & Kristen Marie Bartlett. B-Robert L Newman. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,500**

**3-Wild Again (g, 5, Dragon Again--Wild Helen, by Beach Towel), \$77,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Eric A Prevost. B-Dr John M & Judy A Egloff. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,160**  
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Southwind Indy, Lunatic Fringe, Winter Blast, Given Up Terror, Dateline Hanover

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**2, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.0, 57.4, 1:26.0, 1:54.1, FT**

**1-Preparty (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Speed Date, by Western Ideal), \$42,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Punctuality LLC. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Rob Harmon. D-George Brennan, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 96-19-16-9, \$197,856**



**2-Twin B Speedo (g, 6, Art Major--Beach Bound, by Beach Towel), \$27,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Mark S Ford. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Jordan Stratton, \$4,500**

**3-Here We Go Again (g, 10, Dragon Again--Odds On Jenna, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$30,000 2008 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,160**  
Calls: 4, 3H, 3H, 1, HD - Finish Order: Gypsy Leather, The Spy, True Blue Hall, Father Sarducci, Derecho

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**3, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.3, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:54.3, FT**

**1-Killer Martini (g, 5, Camluck--Swirly, by Western Hanover), \$30,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Ricky A Bucci. B-David Goodrow Stable, CA. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Daniel Dube, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 69-9-16-9, \$111,059**

**2-Urban Renewal (g, 4, Cam's Card Shark--Perfect Gesture, by Beach Towel)** O-James J Kurilla. B-James L Stambaugh. T-Matthew Adamczyk. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,500

**3-Elwell (g, 5, Well Said--Temptress EL, by Art Major), \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-M Kenneth Weed & Kerry Feuker-Weed. T-Dennis A Laterza. D-Brent Holland, \$2,160**  
Calls: 5H, 6H, 1, 1, NS - Finish Order: Fool Me Once, Blaise Mm Hanover, Aberdeen Hanover, Flem N Em N, Brunello N

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**4, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.0, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:54.4, FT**

**1-Macintosh N (g, 8, Mach Three--Style By The Mile, by Presidential Ball)** O-Shaun F Vallee & Emanuel & Patricia Balsamides. B-M R & B G Marlow, NZ & G D Harris, NZ & K J Ovens, NZ. T-Anita Vallee. D-Shaun Vallee, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 95-20-13-14, \$207,819

**2-Framed Art (h, 7, Artescape--Lo Gophobia, by Presidential Ball), \$15,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Arthur C & Andrew J Stafford. B-Winbak Farm. T-Andrew Stafford. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500**

**3-Ransom Demand (g, 6, Well Said--Roller Cam, by Cambest), \$27,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-David Goodrow Stable, CA. T-Jack Franklin. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,160**  
Calls: 2, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Northern Assassin A, Fort Knox, Rainbow Romance N, Dreamlands Art, Stonebridge Tonic

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## RACE RESULTS

**5, YR, \$22,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Theartofconfusion A (g, 7, Riverboat King--Theartofillusion, by Perfect Art)** O-Saddle Rock Stables. B-K L Cotterill, AS & F Ibraimi, AS & B A Carter, AS & G A Jackson, AS. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 82-19-10-9, \$207,418

**2-Reuben Brogden N** (g, 9, Real Desire--Ruby Choozday, by Presidential Ball) O-F Bellino & Sons LLC. B-G M Bowen, NZ. T-Michael Russo. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

**3-Escape The News** (g, 8, Artiscap--Ideal News, by Western Ideal) O-Kevin R Sywyk & Ronald L Cushing. B-Brittany Farms & Val D'Or Farms. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing, \$2,640

Calls: 1T, 1T, 2, 2, 1Q - Finish Order: Chucaro Acero Bc, Statesman N, Bettorever, Machtu N, Big N Bad

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**6, YR, \$50,000, P, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 5-8 DRAWN**, 27.2, 55.4, 1:24.0, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Bedroomconfessions (m, 5, American Ideal--Turnoffthelights, by Jenna's Beach Boy)** O-Riverview Racing LLC & Alagna Racing LLC. B-Riverview Farms & Tony P Alagna & Minisink Farms LLC. T-Tony Alagna. D-Scott Zeron, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 56-13-18-11, \$770,420

**2-Empress Deo** (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Little Miss K, by Artsplace), \$27,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc. T-Wayne Givens. D-Matt Kakaley, \$12,500

**3-Mach It A Par** (m, 7, Mach Three--Taylorlane Action, by Village Jiffy) O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,000

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, 1Q - Finish Order: Regil Elektra, Bettor N Better, Arielle Lynn, Wrangler Magic, Set Me Up

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**7, YR, \$39,000, P, F&M PREFERRED**, 28.2, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

**1-Tessa Seelster (m, 5, Shadow Play--Titania Seelster, by Camluck)**, \$77,000 2013 FOREST O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jonathan H Newman. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$19,500, Lifetime Record: 59-20-7-8, \$421,603

**2-Know It All** (m, 7, American Ideal--Canadian Culture, by Abercrombie), \$10,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Anthony M Crescio. B-White Birch Farm. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$9,750

**3-Hidden Land** (m, 6, Badlands Hanover--Armbro Ocasey, by Abercrombie), \$42,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Jesmeral Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Monique Cohen. D-Jeff Gregory, \$4,680

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: LISPATTY, Motu Moonbeam N, Change The Rulz N, Massive Attack A, Delightful Dragon

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**8, YR, \$22,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Orillia Joe (g, 7, Western Ideal--Cup Of Jo, by Matt's Scooter)** O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-B Michael Timpano. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 121-24-17-13, \$360,088



**PREFERRED EQUINE**  
*Mixed Sale Graduate*

**2-Clear Vision** (g, 11, Western Hanover--Artistic Vision, by Artsplace), \$180,000 2007 LEX-SEL O-Robert Santagata & Jennifer L Lappe. B-Save H Stewart & Charles & Julie R & Francene Nash. T-John Kokinos. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

**3-Tyber Tyke** (g, 8, Panspacificflight--Artbeat, by Artsplace), \$75,000 2010 HOOSIER O-John E McGill & Brian K Carsey. B-Herman C Miller. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$2,640

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1Q, T, 1 - Finish Order: J T, Pass Them By N, Mariner Seelster, Beachy Dream, Moonwriter

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**9, YR, \$22,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000**, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.0, 1:54.2, FT

**1-Caviart Cari Ann (m, 5, Sportswriter--Caviart Cameron, by Western Hanover)** O-Howard A Taylor & Abraham N Basen. B-Caviart Farms. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 63-16-11-10, \$155,978

**2-Betabcool N** (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Cool Sandy, by Sands A Flyin) O-Blindswitch Racing Stable. B-Sancar Racing Syndicate, NZ. T-Al Annunziata. D-Mark Macdonald, \$5,500

**3-Nerida Franco N** (m, 7, Lis Mara--No Time Franco, by Falcon Seelster) O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Spreydon Lodge LTD, NZ. T-Chris Marino. D-Steve Smith, \$2,640

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1, NK - Finish Order: The Summer Wind, Jaded Dream, Milky Way Rae, Tyra, Strings, Alhambra

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**10, YR, \$26,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS**, 27.0, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:54.4, FT

**1-For The Ladies N (m, 8, Jereme's Jet--For The Don, by Christian Cullen)** O-Ettore Annunziata. B-D J Anderson, NZ & Kevin Brookfield, NZ. T-Ettore Annunziata. D-Jason Bartlett, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 97-23-16-13, \$358,384

**2-Momas Got A Gun** (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Beneat, by Badlands Hanover) O-Geoffrey M Martin, CA. B-Gregory J Martin, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brent Holland, \$6,500

**3-Not Before Eight** (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Skinny Dip, by Western Ideal), \$9,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Ernest W Hartman. B-Robert A & Lauren B Tucker. T-Steve Elliott. D-Scott Zeron, \$3,120

Calls: 11Q, 8, 6, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Certified Ideal, Analyze, Abbijade Hanover, Albany Girl, Tipitina

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# RACE RESULTS

## Saturday's Results:

**1, YR, \$26,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

**1-Validus Deo (g, 7, Lis Mara--Madam Countess, by Art Major)**, \$50,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc & Louis A Willinger. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Daniel Dube, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 117-23-14-11, \$461,871

**2-Chevals Clivesdale** (g, 8, The Globe--Loving Ideal, by Western Ideal) O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & Dolne Farm Services LLC & Good Friends Racing Stb & Santo R Farina. B-Cold Mountain Stud Pty LTD, AS. T-Al Annunziata. D-Mark Macdonald, \$6,500

**3-Lettucerockthem A** (g, 7, Art Major--Rochelle Hanover, by Vanston Hanover) O-Pit Bull Stable LLC & David Lewis Linker & Shari Watchman. B-Redbank Lodge Standardbreds, AS. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Jordan Stratton, \$3,120

Calls: 6, 8H, 4, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Lord Of Misrule, Rancously, Sweet Talkin Satin, Five Card Draw N, Foiled Again

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**2, YR, \$18,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.1, 58.1, 1:27.1, 1:56.3, FT

**1-Aggressive (g, 6, Kadabra--Sweet Janet, by Balanced Image)**, \$24,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Jonas L Schlabach. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 84-12-9-6, \$215,291

## A RECENT *Tattersalls* MIXED SALE GRADUATE!

**2-Showmeyourguns** (g, 5, Conway Hall--Gulfstream It, by Pine Chip), \$14,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Thomas G Milici. B-Allevamento G Biasuzzi. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jordan Stratton, \$4,500

**3-Pridecrest** (g, 5, Angus Hall--Spilled Milk, by Wesgate Crown) O-Triple D Stables Inc & Cc Racing LLC. B-Langcrest Farm, CA. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$2,160  
Calls: 7T, 8, 3H, 3, NK - Finish Order: Golden Son, Silver Credit, Skates N Plates, Sim Brown, Awsome Valley

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**3, YR, \$22,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 28.4, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:55.2, FT

**1-Buen Camino (g, 5, Cash Hall--Baby Bella, by Raffaello Ambrosio)** O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Ernest H Martinez II & Wcb Racing Stable. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-Jordan Stratton, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-5, \$399,521

**2-J A T O** (g, 5, Big Apple Deli--Highwaytoheaven, by Credit Winner), \$6,000 2013 MORRIS O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Rossie L Smith. B-Steuben Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$5,500

**3-Get To Doin It** (g, 5, Ironmaster--Tootsie Topper, by Branded) O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Mr Carol D Huffman & M Martha Walker & Rick L Huffman. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,640  
Calls: 5Q, 5T, 1T, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Brooklyn Bond, Chipps Lake, Zorgwijk Nova, Anaffairtoremember, Pop I

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**4, YR, \$26,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Polak A (g, 9, Pacific Fella--Capture A Million, by Million To One)** O-F Bellino & Sons LLC & Frank J & Joseph G Bellino. B-S R Lewis, AS & Terry Ferguson, AS. T-Michael Russo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 123-31-19-16, \$513,942

**2-The Lunch Pail** (g, 6, Yankee Cruiser--Noble Marty, by Nobleland Sam), \$44,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Michael A Ouriel. B-Schare D Adams. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Scott Zeron, \$6,500

**3-Deetzy** (g, 5, Jereme's Jet--Holy Coley, by Astreos) O-Holland Racing Stable, CA. B-Shelby Novick. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,120

Calls: 1T, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Fashion Delight, Tg's Divine Scene, Cowboy Terrier, Cosmicpedia, Don'tcallmefrancis

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**5, YR, \$30,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,001 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.2, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Provocativeprincen (g, 7, Grinfromeartoear--Catherine Zeta, by Village Jasper)** O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-G Chin, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 48-9-7-8, \$92,542

**2-Vegas Vacation** (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Don't You Smile, by Grinfromeartoear), \$32,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-West Wins Stable, CA & Anthony B Beaton, CA. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett, \$7,500

**3-Rockin Ron** (g, 5, Real Desire--Im All A Roan, by Sportsmaster) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Rtc Stables Inc. B-Ronald L Phillips & John A Carver & Louis H Leinberger. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$3,600

Calls: 3, 3T, 1, NS, T - Finish Order: Artistic Major, Ira Chief, Moonliteonthebeach, Dojea Solo, City Hall

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## RACE RESULTS

**6, YR, \$50,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-5 DRAWN POST POSITION 6 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 7&8 DRAWN, 28.3, 58.0, 1:27.1, 1:56.0, FT**

**1-Rock Of Cashel (h, 7, Majestic Son--Fighting Irish, by Southwind Lustre)** O-Joseph V Jannuzzelli & Jeffery E Ruch, CA. B-Alan J Richardson, IR. T-Mark Harder. D-Scott Zeron, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 123-21-27-13, \$437,933

**2-Springbank Sam N** (g, 10, Sondon--Niamey, by Chiola Hanover) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-T G Casey, NZ & K M Barron, NZ & G S Allen, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, \$12,500

**3-Dot Dot Dot Dash** (m, 7, Classic Photo--Ringside Gigi, by Giant Victory) O-William C Vandervort Jr. B-William C Vandervort Jr. T-Shae Vandervort. D-Steve Smith, \$6,000

Calls: 8Q, 9, 3, 2H, HD - Finish Order: Red Hot Herbie, Newcastle, Zooming, Allorage Star, Lily's Swan Pond

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**7, YR, \$50,000, P, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 5-8 DRAWN, 27.3, 57.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.2, FT**

**1-Caviart Luca (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover)** O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 84-16-16-17, \$360,370

**2-Sports Bettor** (g, 5, Sportswriter--Shellys Delight, by Bettor's Delight) O-Verrazano Stables LLC. B-Frank Gentile. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$12,500

**3-Bit Of A Legend N** (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Soky's Legend, by Sokys Atom) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-B D West, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, \$6,000

Calls: 1H, 2, 1T, 1T, 2Q - Finish Order: Soto, First Class Horse, Lucan Hanover, Guantanamo Bay, Long Live Rock

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**8, YR, \$26,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 29.2, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:55.4, FT**

**1-Bentley Spur (g, 5, SJ's Caviar--Sweetie Spur, by Tagliabue)** O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Roy D Davis. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 26-11-2-4, \$122,630

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**2-Watkins** (g, 10, Striking Sahbra--Sarong Hall, by Garland Lobell) O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Idylwood Stables Inc, CA & Watkins Equine Inc, CA. T-Jack Franklin. D-Mark Macdonald, \$6,500

**3-Kelsey's Keepsake** (m, 5, Yankee Glide--Distaff, by Self Possessed), \$35,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-David B Heffering, CA & Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC. B-Bluestone Farms LLC. T-Richard Johnson. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,120

Calls: 1T, 2, 1H, 2, T - Finish Order: Money Maven, Tober, Swishnflick, Lauderdale, Platoon Seelster

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**9, YR, \$39,000, T, PREFERRED, 28.4, 59.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.0, FT**

**1-Luck O The Irish (h, 5, Holiday Road--Kavita, by Kadabra)** O-Brian C Kleinberg & Adv Racing Stable LLC & Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-June J Durand, CA. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jordan Stratton, \$19,500, Lifetime Record: 50-10-10-4, \$295,672

**2-Hemi Seelster** (g, 5, Holiday Road--Hollywood Beauty, by Angus Hall), \$19,000 2013 FOREST O-Howard A Taylor & Abraham N Basen. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,750

**3-Not Afraid** (g, 8, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image) O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD. B-Steve D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$4,680

Calls: 5H, 5Q, 3, 2Q, NK - Finish Order: Crazy About Pat, Tag Up And Go, Wing Flash, Military Blue, Xtatic Hanover

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**10, YR, \$39,000, P, WINNERS OVER \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 5-8 ASSIGNED, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:52.0, FT**

**1-Blood Brother (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Blood Diamond, by Western Ideal)** O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & P T Stable. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & Exquisite Farms. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$19,500, Lifetime Record:

58-13-11-5, \$494,363



### A RECENT *Tattersalls* MIXED SALE GRADUATE!

**2-Badiou Hanover** (g, 5, Well Said--Blind Ambition, by Art Major), \$105,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$9,750

**3-Make Some Luck** (g, 5, Camluck--Mustang Kensley, by Western Hanover), \$19,000 2013 CAN-YS O-Jody C Jamieson, CA & Rene M Allard. B-Stan Klemencic, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$4,680

Calls: 7Q, 8, 1H, 1H, 4 - Finish Order: Cooperstown, Sapphire City, E Street Plan, Givenupdreaming, Milliondollar Wave

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